## Understanding LA Systems That Affect Families

A Look at How 40+ Programs
Might Touch One Los Angeles Family













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- Public Schools
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Which Agencies Could Help This Family?



Mom



**Dad** 

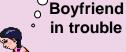


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Baby 1 1/2



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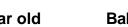








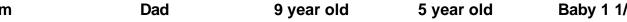






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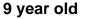






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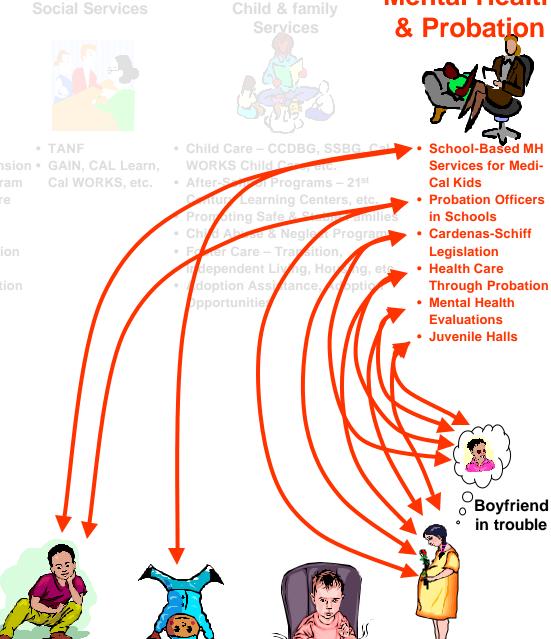
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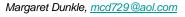


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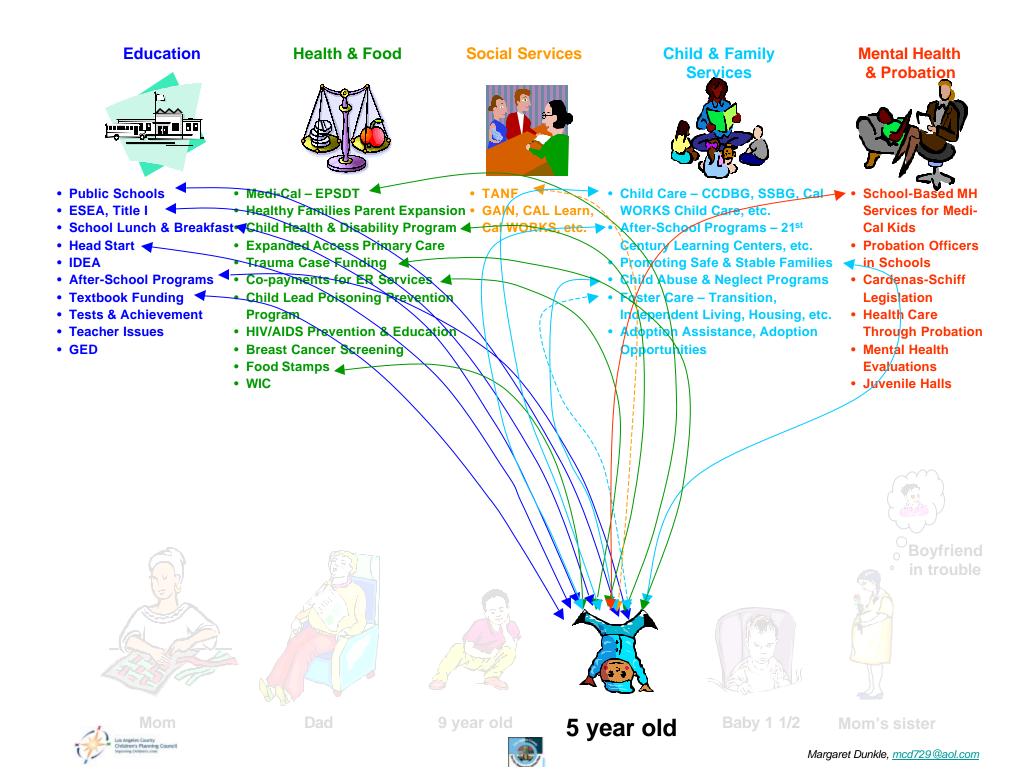


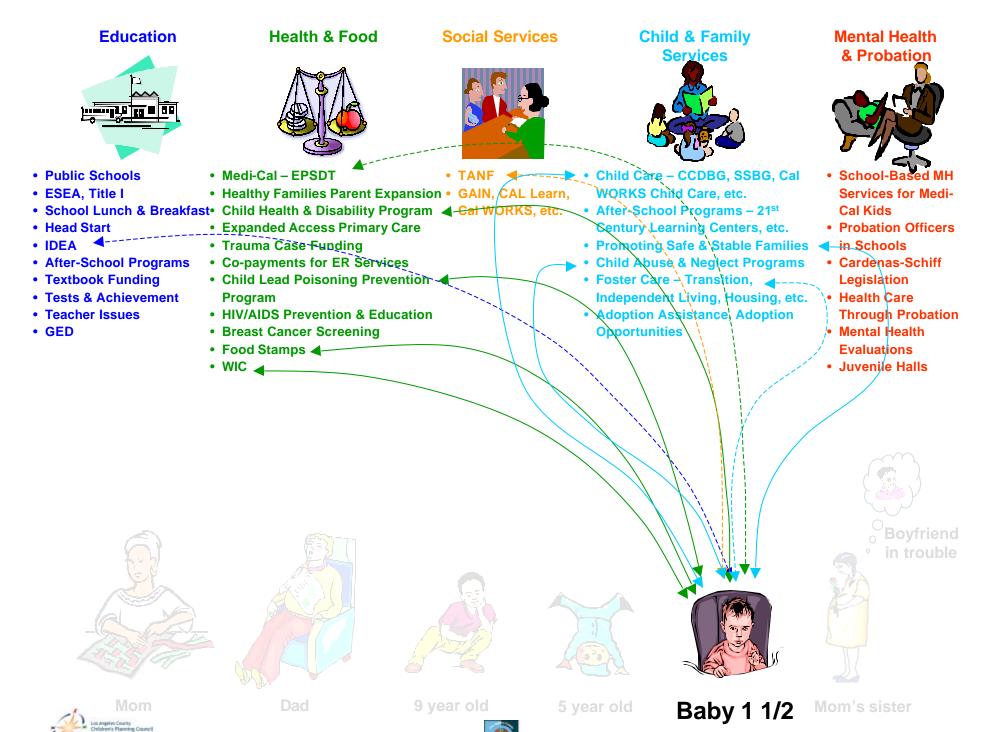




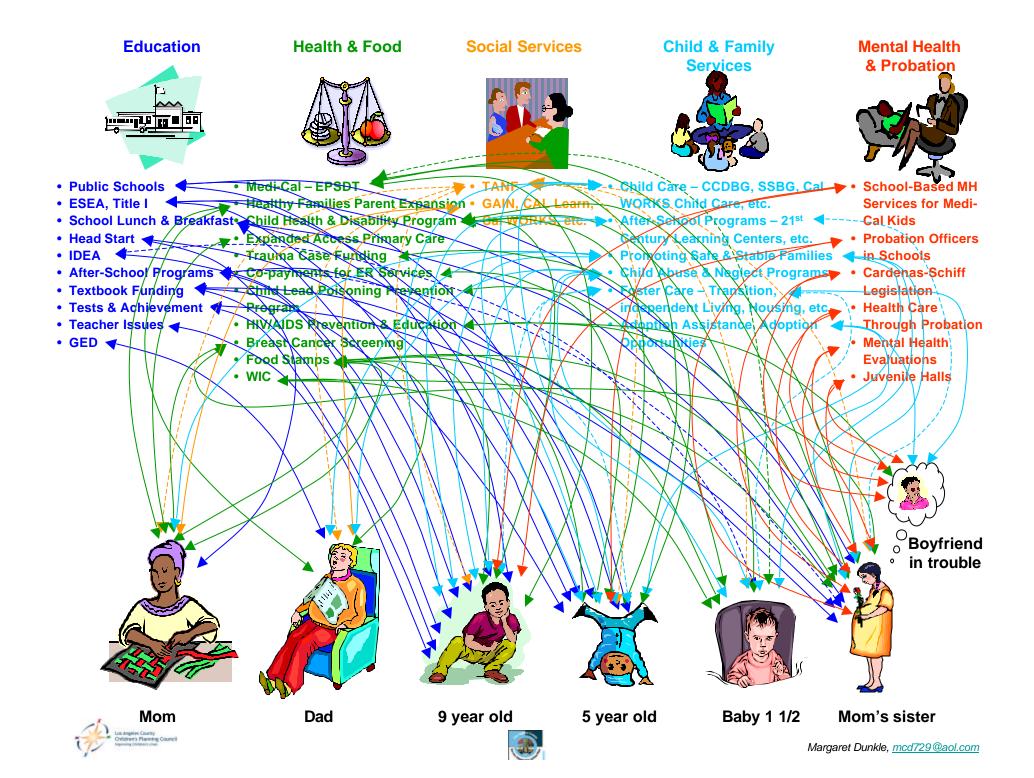
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### What Do You Think?

- 1. Are there too many agencies & programs? Too few? Just right?
- 2. Were any important programs left out?
- 3. Do agencies define "family" the same way a family thinks about itself?
- 4. Which programs *don't* relate to school readiness/school success?
- 5. Who calls the shots? The feds? The state? The Supervisors? The community? Families? Everybody? Nobody?
- 6. Is all of this complexity unique to programs & services for children & families? Is LA the only place that is this complex?
- 7. Can you transform systems without understanding the squirrelly details?
- 8. Is understanding all of the details *enough* to transform systems?
- 9. Are some people experts in one system (like education) but novices in another (like health)?
- 10. How much of the problem or the solution is money? What else is there?
- 11. Thinking about the Family & Systems Slide Show, what one thing would like to change first thing tomorrow?





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